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UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON ANSBACH
UNIT 28614
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AETV-WG-A

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy # 18– Car Wash Policy

1. REFERENCE: USAREUR REG 200-1, GFGS and German environmental laws
2. PURPOSE: To provide policy for privately owned vehicle (POV) car washing within the 235th BSB Communities.
3. SCOPE : This policy applies to all POVs located within the 235th BSB geographical area.
4. POLICY:

a. USAREUR REG 200-1, the German Final Governing Standards (GFGS) and German environmental laws regulate vehicle washing within the 235th BSB. It is 235th BSB policy to comply with these laws and help local efforts to protect the environment. Local police are responsible for enforcement of the law and can give tickets for violations.

b. Unless properly performed in an appropriate location, washing of POVs can pollute the environment by releasing car grease and oil combined with detergents into the public sewer system. Procedures for proper car washing, in compliance with German law are as follows:

(1) Car washing or rinsing with water on public areas is strictly prohibited. Public areas are considered city, state or federal owned roads, parking areas or grounds.

(2) Car washing or rinsing with water on private areas is allowed, but only when limited to car body washing with plain water on a paved area connected to a sewer system. Private areas include housing area parking, installations and driveways (if you reside on the economy). Use of detergents/soaps is strictly prohibited. Undercarriage or engine washing is strictly prohibited.

(3) POV washing is allowed at selected U.S. installation washracks connected to Petroleum-Oil-Lubricant (POL) separator. Only special, pH neutral, soaps

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and cleaners such as dishwashing liquid or store bought car wash cleaners are allowed to be used at these locations. Specifically prohibited are chlorinated and petroleum based solvents such as gasoline, trichloroethylene, methanol, etc. Undercarriage and engine washing is allowed only to prepare the vehicle for stateside shipment. Military vehicles have priority use when washing at installation washracks. Use of any soaps for military vehicle washing is prohibited. Authorized installation washracks are:

Ansbach - Army Heliport, Katterbach near Building #5836

Illesheim - Storck Barracks, near Bldg #6640

(4) Any type of vehicle maintenance (e.g. oil change, brake job, etc.) is strictly prohibited at all above locations and must be performed at auto craft shops.

(5) Numerous carwash facilities are available on the economy. Use of these facilities is strongly recommended as they are approved by local authorities and comply with German laws.

(6) When washing vehicles, all hoses will have a nozzle attached and will shut off when not rinsing to conserve water.

c. Building and Area Coordinators are responsible for enforcement of this policy within housing areas. Area Support Team Commanders and Installations Coordinators are responsible for enforcement within installation areas. Signs will be erected at designated installation washracks clearly stating policy requirements. Violation of these requirements will be reported to the Commander for appropriate action.

5. POC for this policy is the 235th BSB DPW, Environmental Management Office, DSN 467-2158.

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